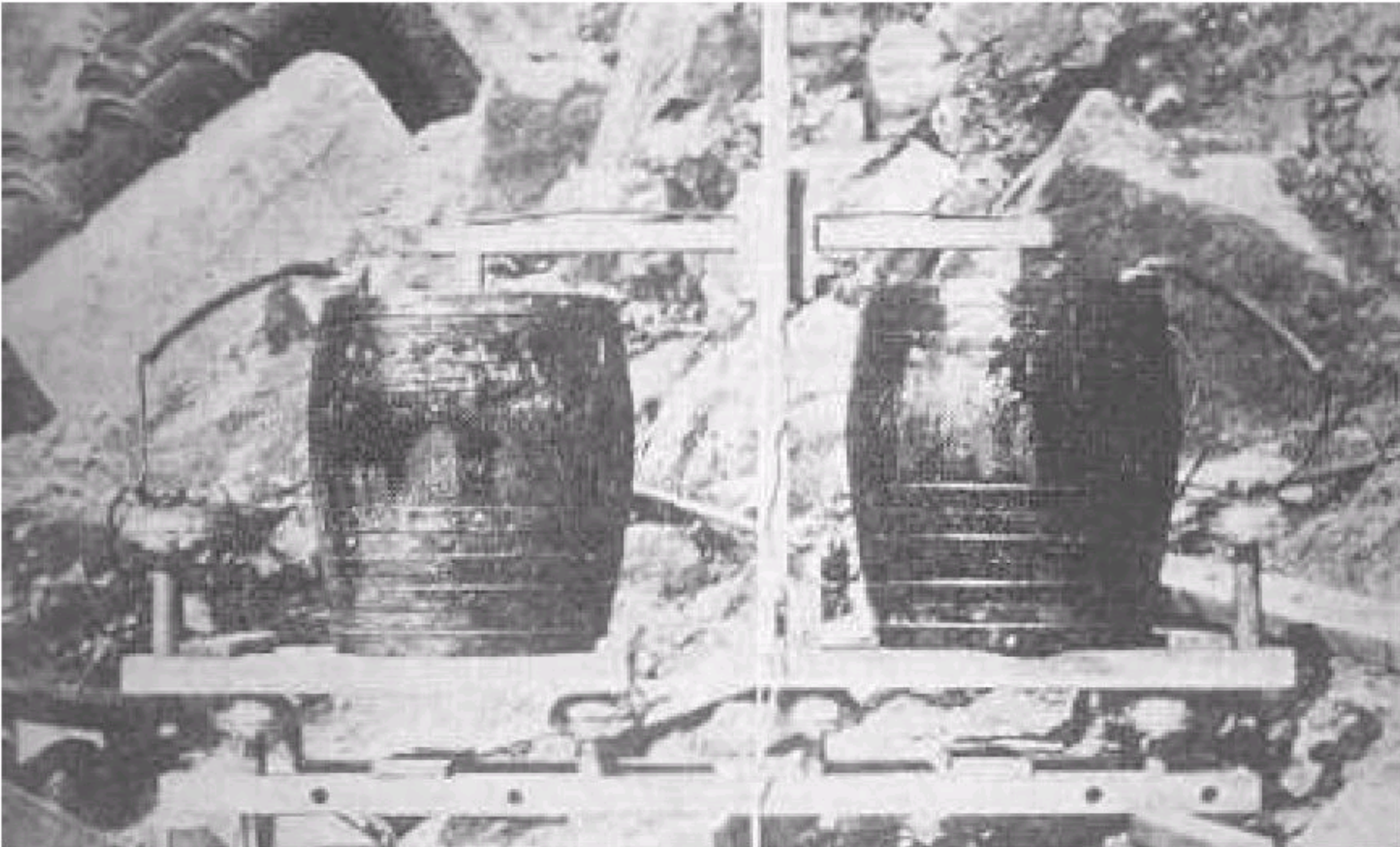


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Reliability  
of  
High Voltage Equipment

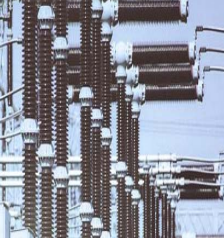
Preliminary Results  
Circuit Breakers



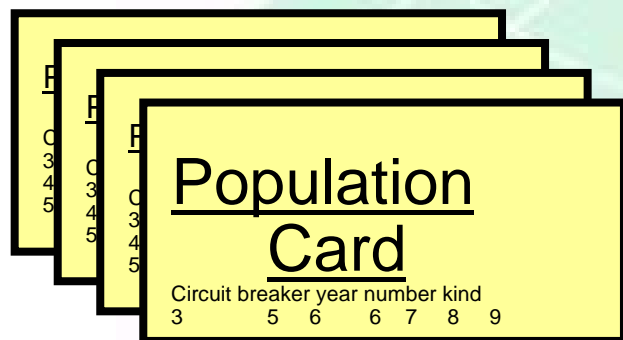
**„First“ High Voltage Circuit Breaker 1847**



Progress regarding Reliability ?



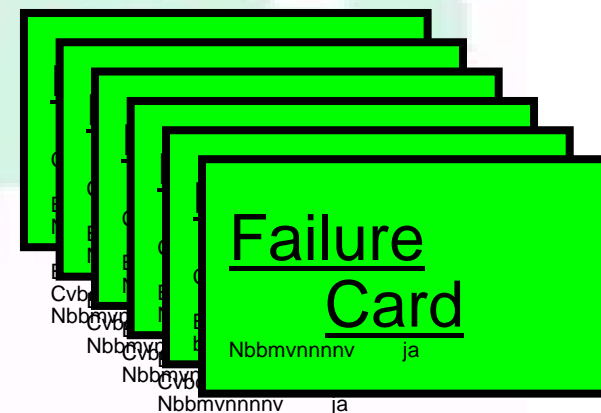
2004 : 3<sup>rd</sup> survey on CB reliability



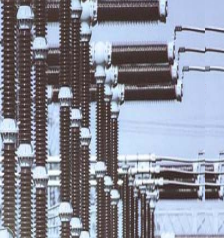
← Population data  
1 x per year

Failure data  
1 x per event

- major
- minor



Only SF6 single pressure technology !



# CIGRE WG A3.06 Reliability of High Voltage Equipment

## Preliminary results

# CIRCUIT BREAKERS

Old Survey **1988-91**

**70.708 CB years**

**Survey lasts 4years:**

**17.677 CB / year**

**22 countries**

Population  
data

New Survey

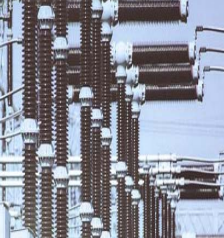
**41.959 CB / 2004**

**21 countries**

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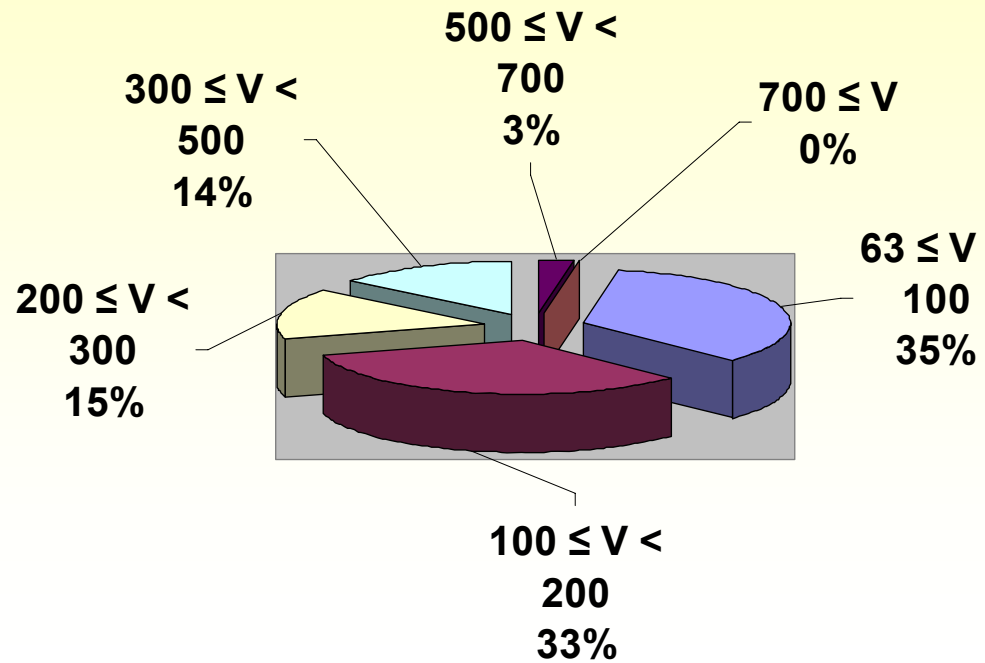
## Preliminary results

# CIRCUIT BREAKERS

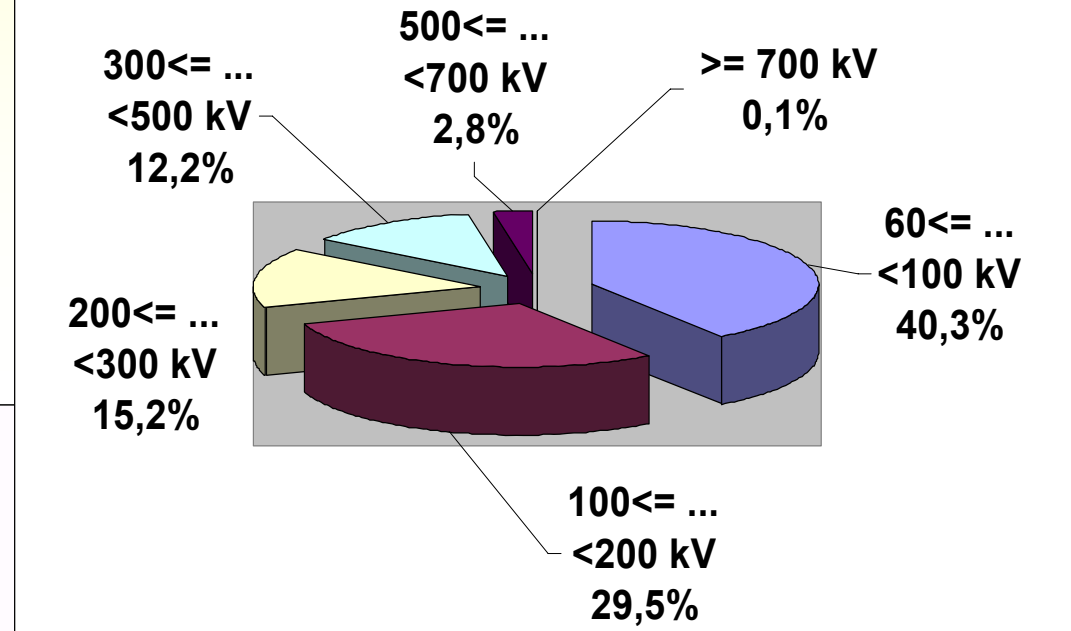


Population data

voltage distribution  
Old survey



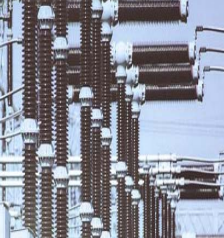
voltage distribution 2004  
New survey



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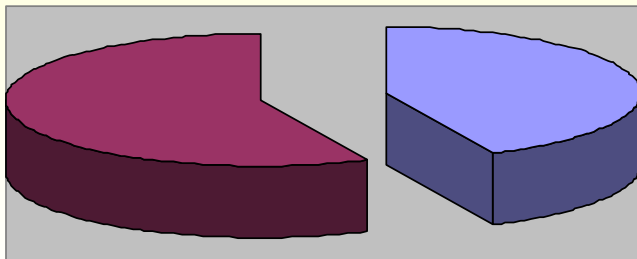
## Preliminary results

# CIRCUIT BREAKERS



### type of enclosure old survey

Non metal  
enclosed  
57%



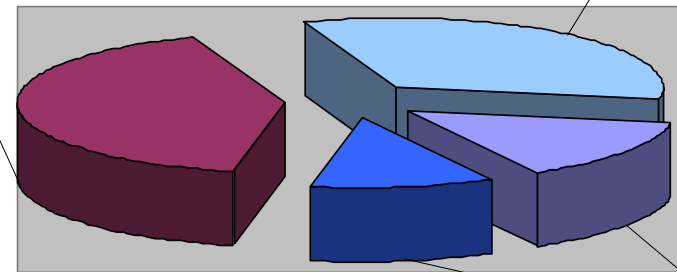
Metal  
enclosed  
43%

Population  
data

### type of enclosure 2004 new survey

Live  
tank  
42%

Dead  
tank  
33%



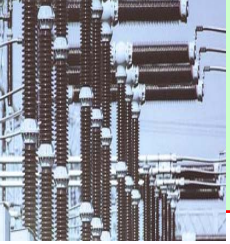
GIS - 3  
phase  
11%

GIS - 1  
phase  
14%

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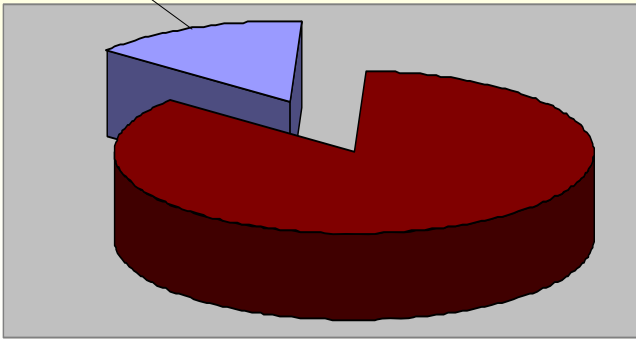


Population data

location  
old survey

Indoors  
15%

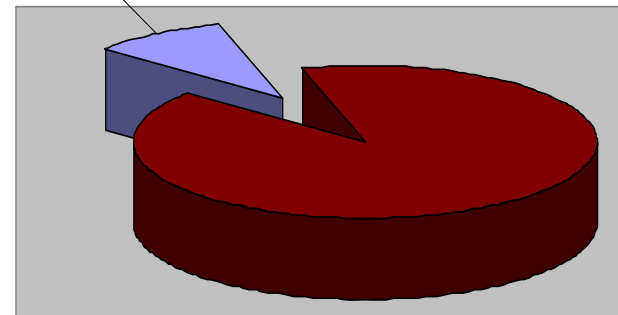
Outdoors  
85%



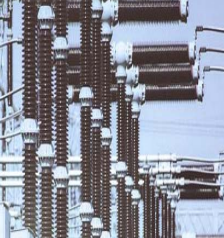
location 2004  
new survey

Indoor  
10%

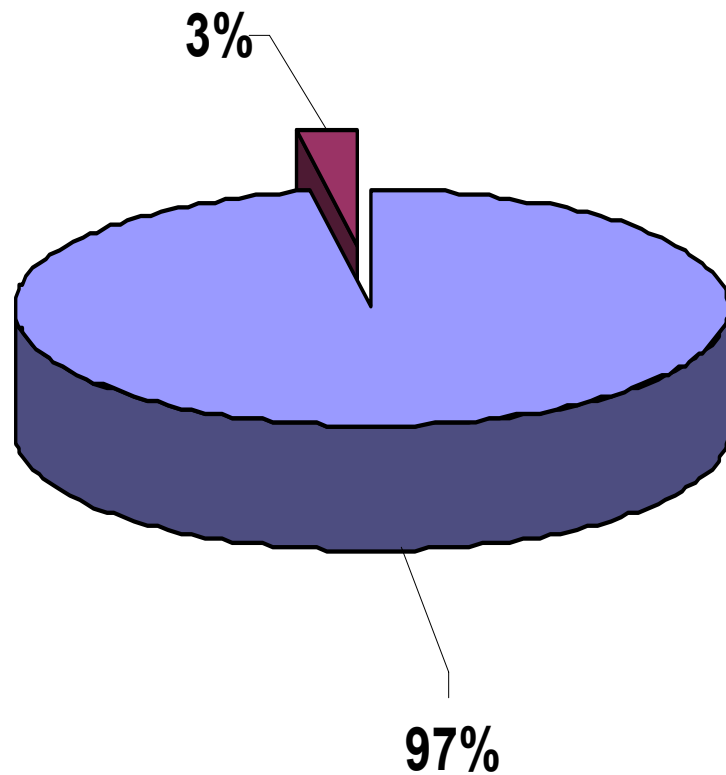
Outdoor  
90%





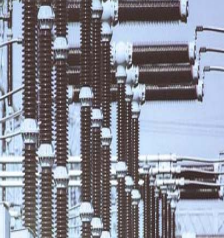


Main function 2004

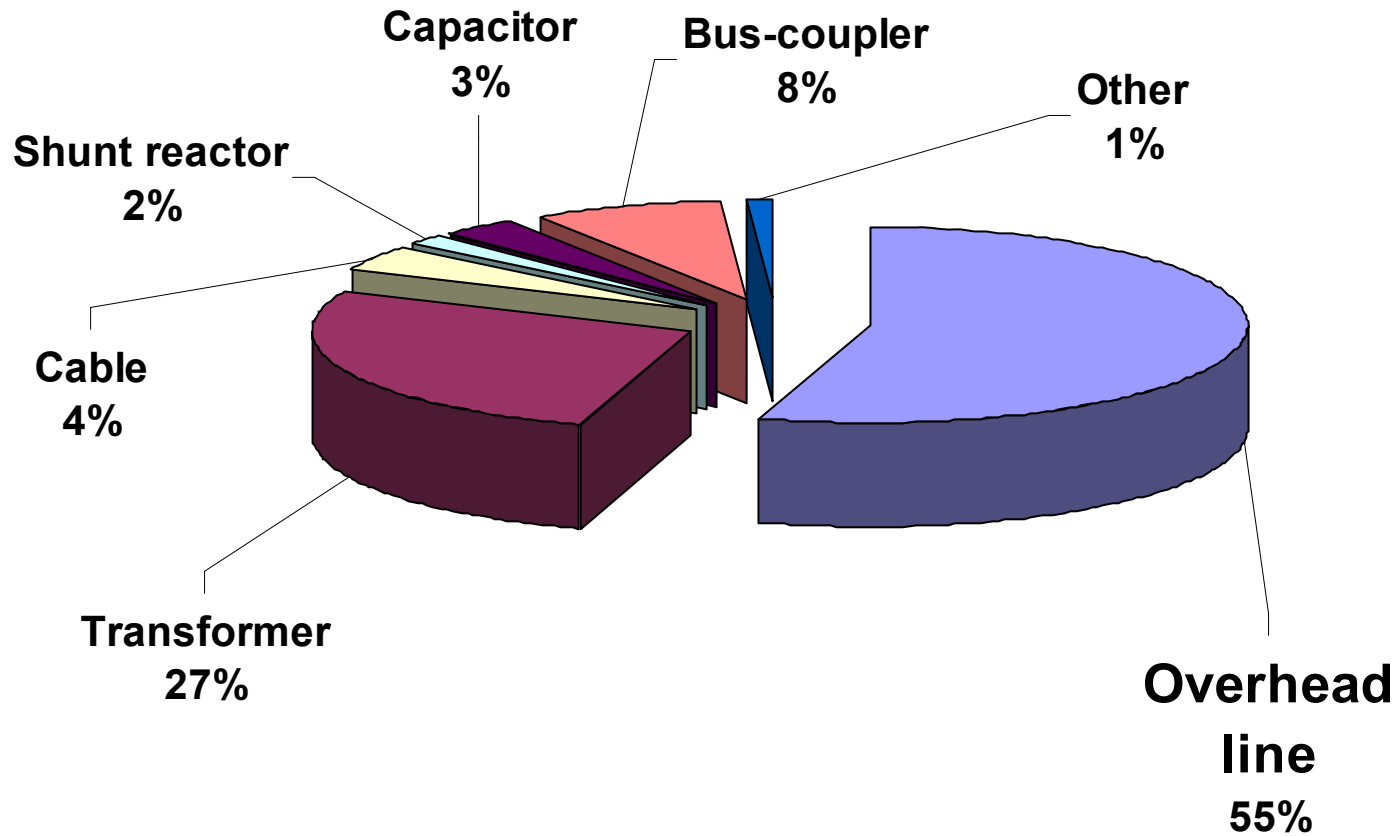


- Cir. breaker
- Cir. switcher / load break switch

Population data



### kind of service 2004

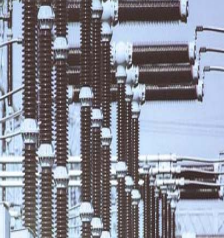


Population data

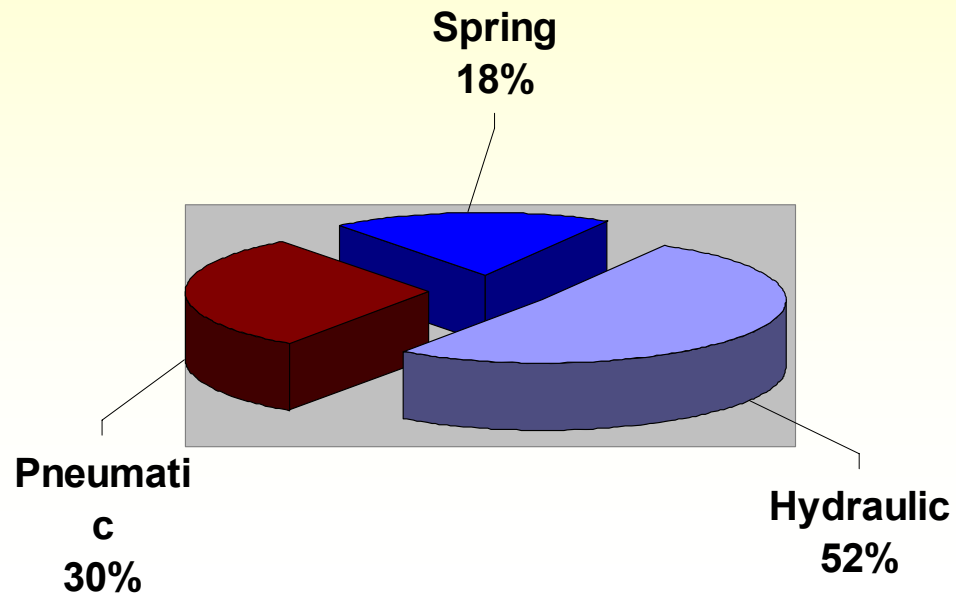
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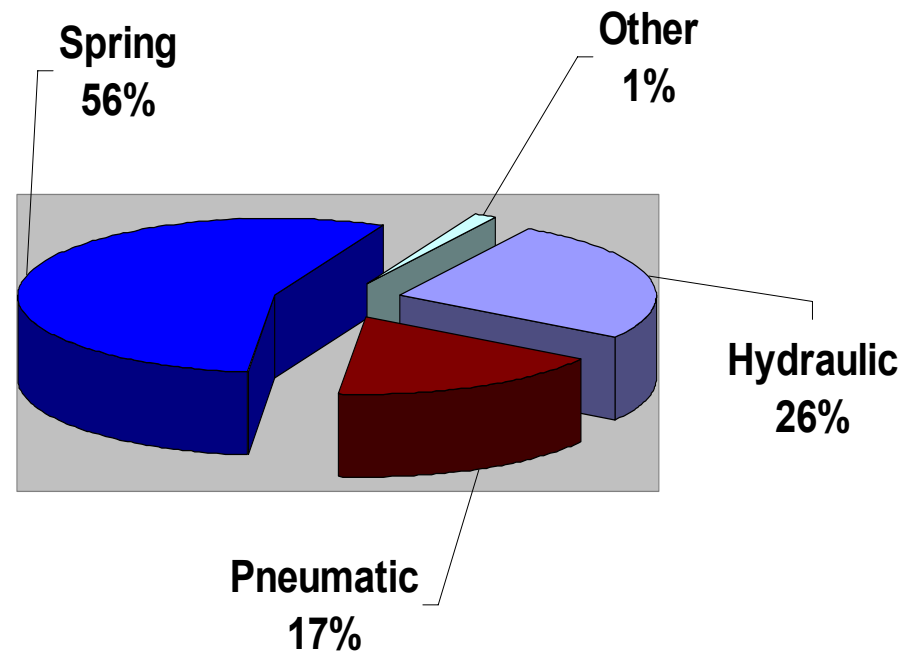
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type of operating mechanism  
old survey



type of operating mechanism 2004  
new survey

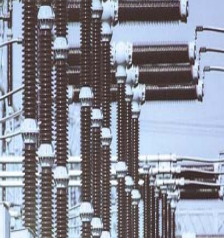


Population data

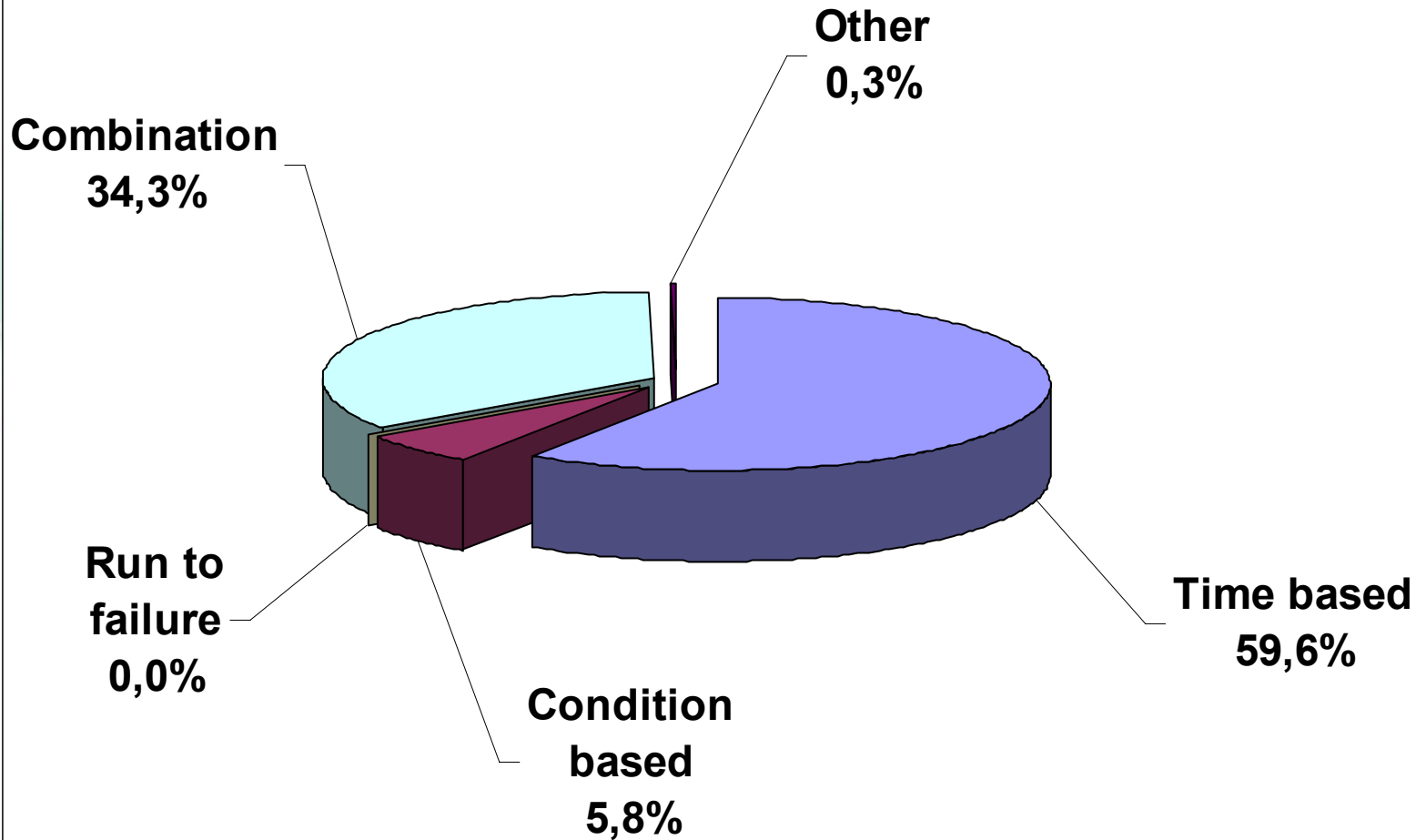
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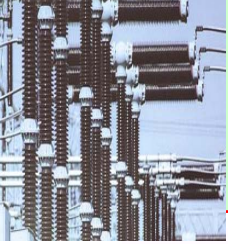
# CIRCUIT BREAKERS



**maintenance philosophy 2004**



Population data



# Failure Distribution

# CIGRE WG A3.06 Reliability of High Voltage Equipment

## Preliminary results

# CIRCUIT BREAKERS

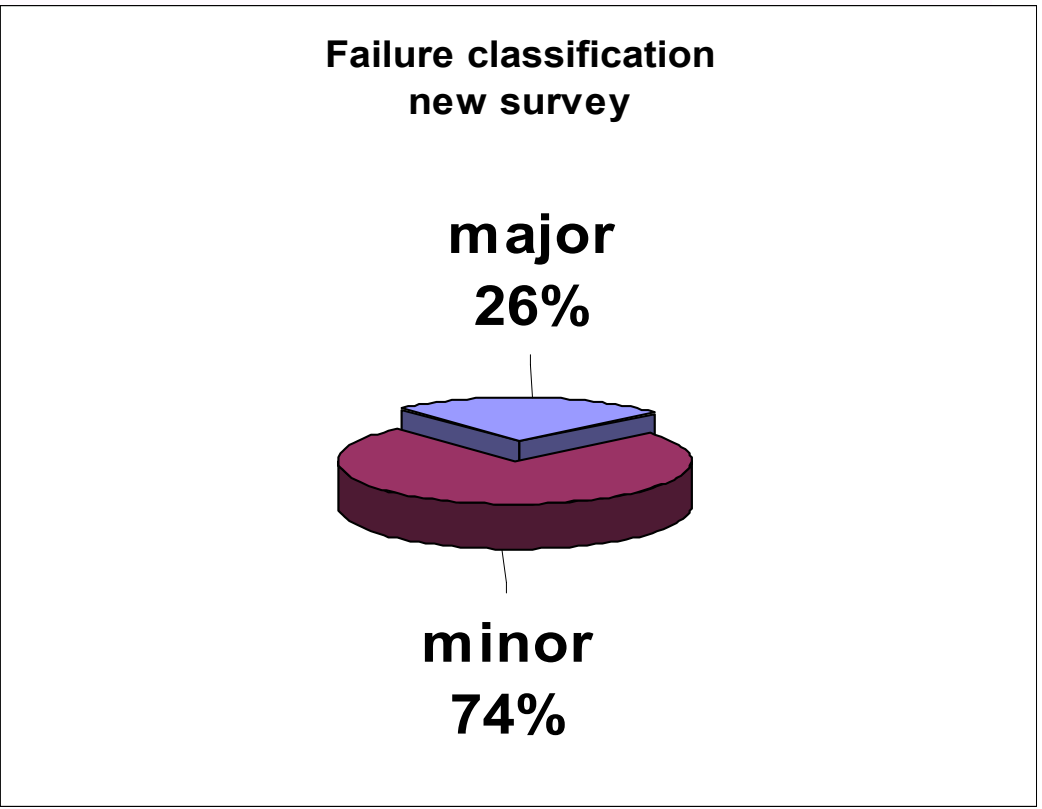
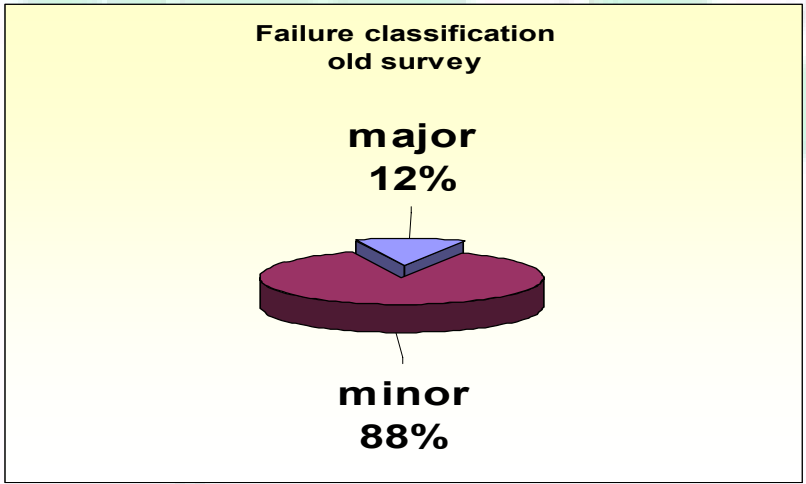
Failure data

Old Survey  
**1988-91**

Minor: 3358

Major: 475

New Survey  
up to 2005

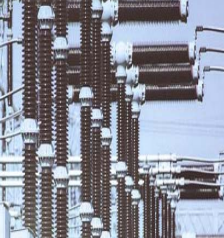


Failure classification

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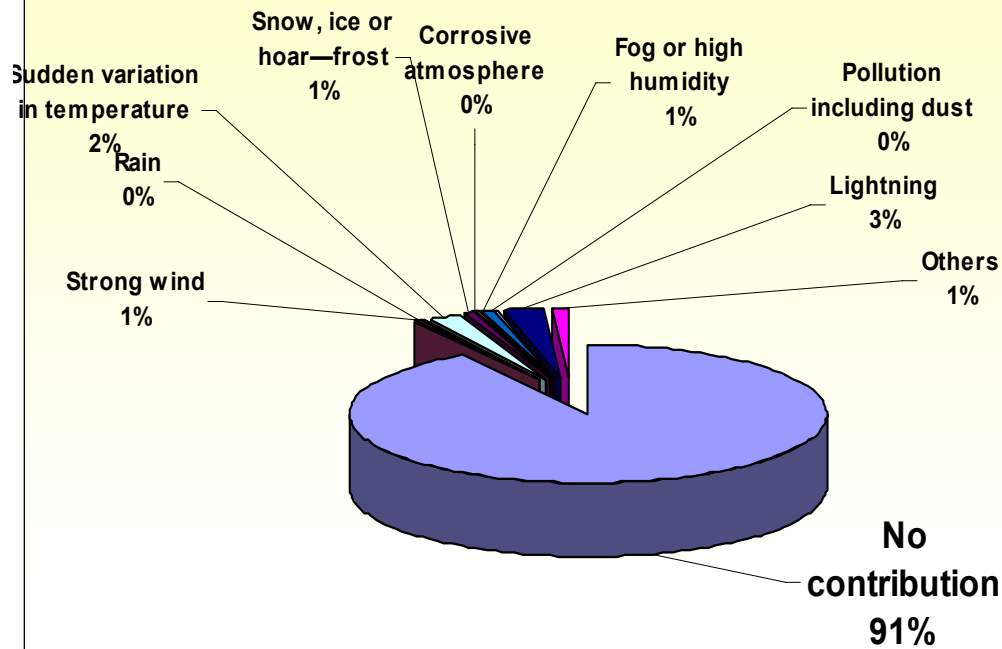
## Preliminary results

# CIRCUIT BREAKERS

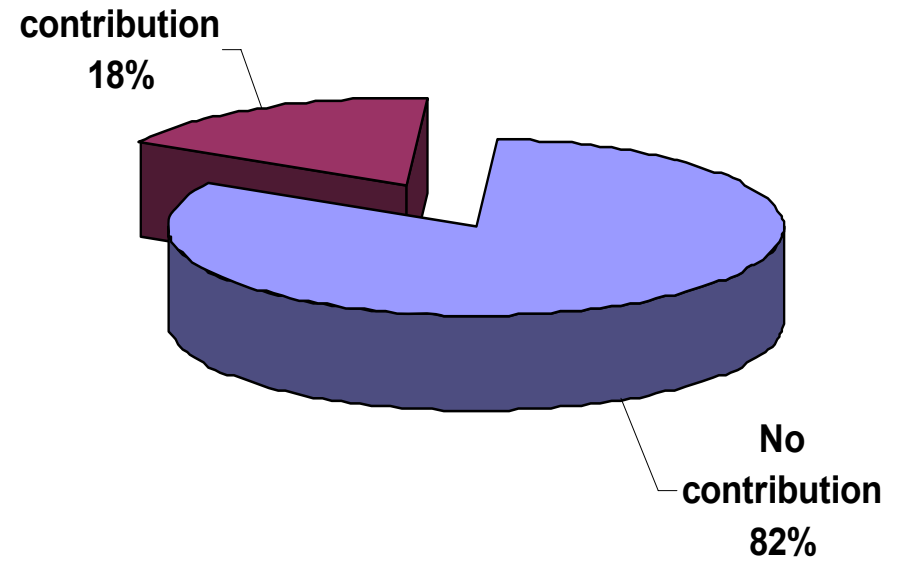


**Failure data**

contribution environment "major" old survey



contribution environment "major" new survey



Contribution of environment

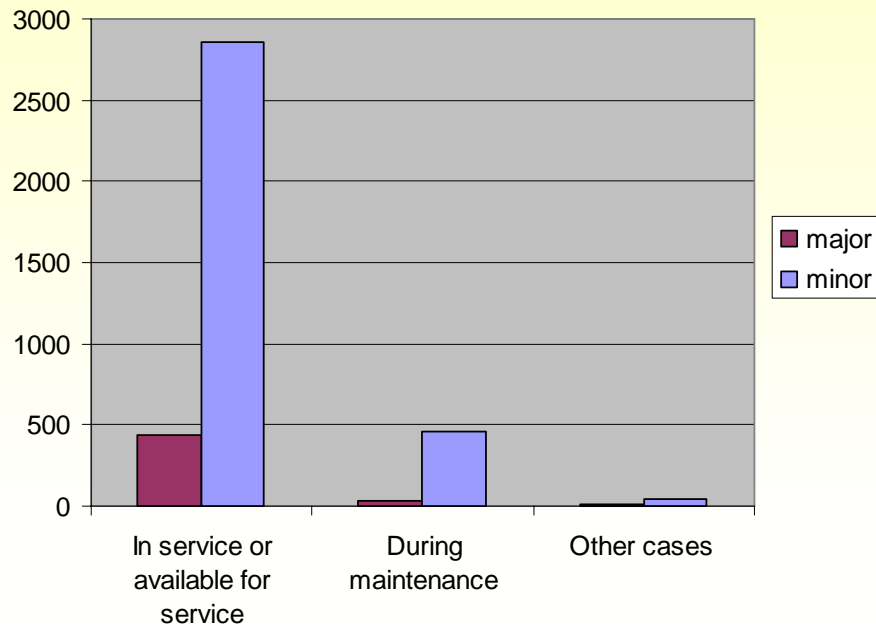
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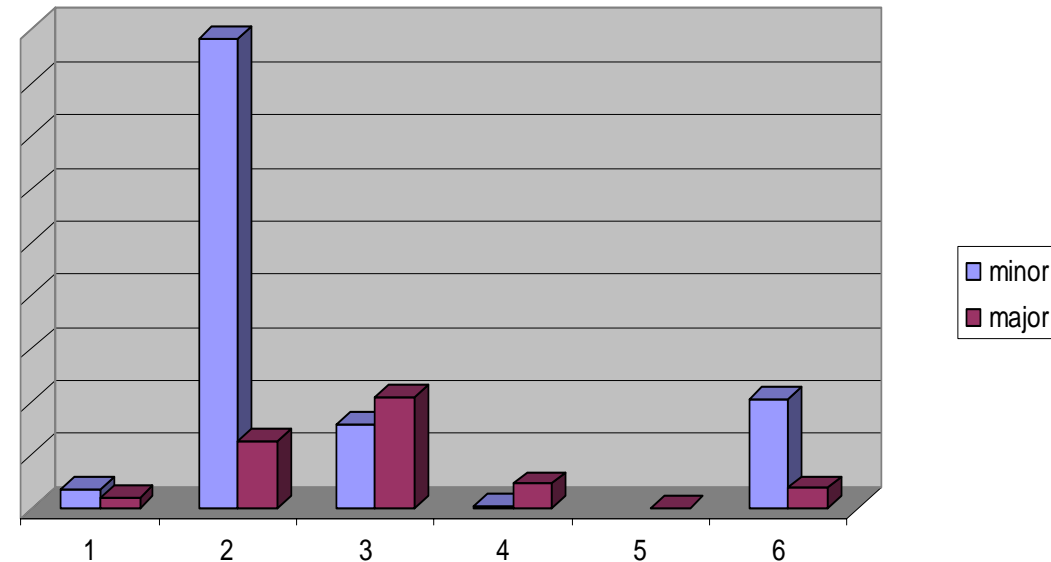
# CIRCUIT BREAKERS

Failure data

service conditions  
old survey



Service conditions / new survey



1 de-energized - Available for service

2 Normal service - no operation command

3 Normal service operation demanded

4 Fault clearing operation

5 Operation occurred without command

6 During or directly after testing / maintenance



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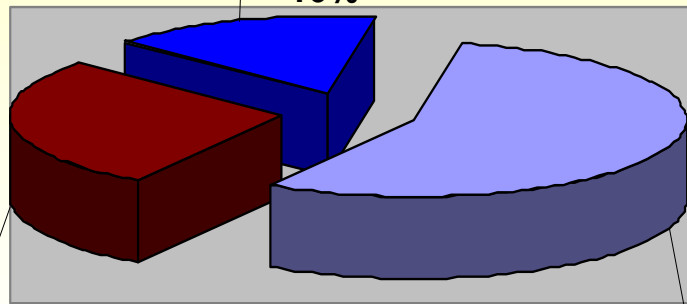
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# CIRCUIT BREAKERS

Failure data

operating mechanism "major"  
old survey

Spring  
16%



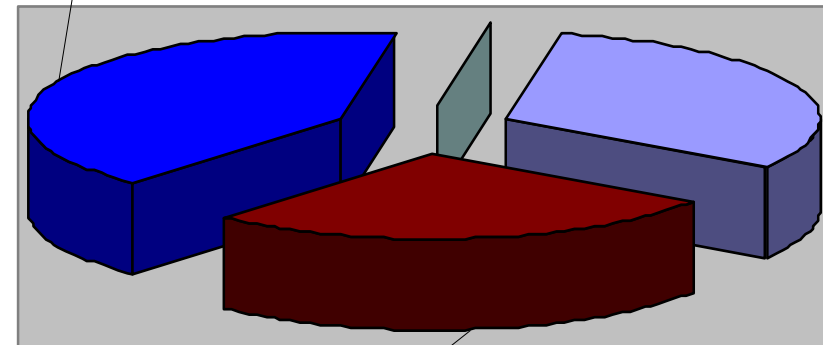
Pneumatic  
28%

Hydraulic  
56%

operating mechanism "major"  
new survey

Spring  
41%

Other  
0%

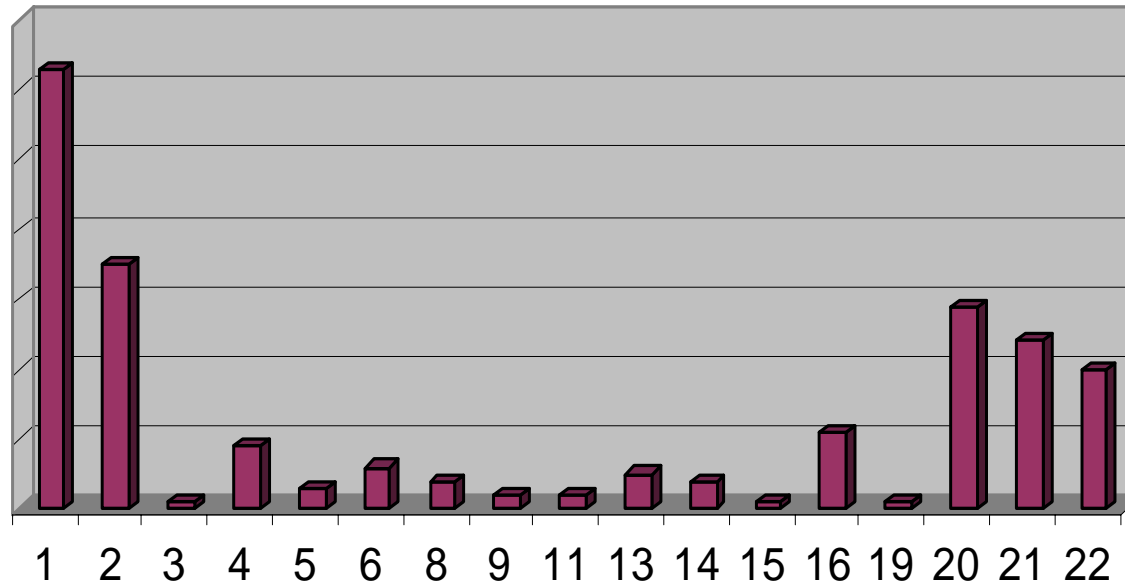


Pneumatic  
27%

Hydraulic  
32%

Failure data

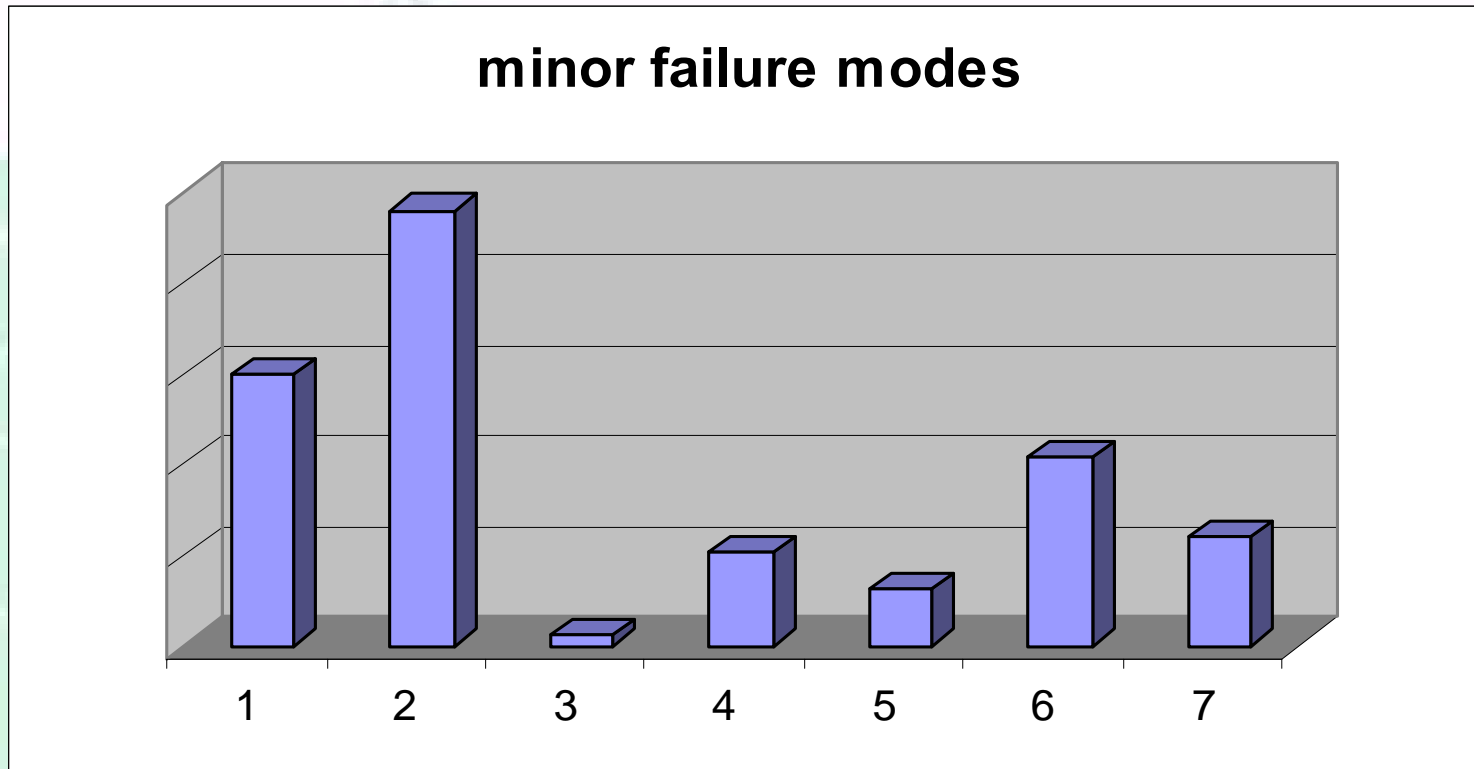
major failure modes



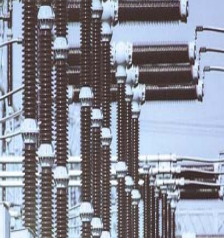
Main failure modes:

- 1+2 Does not close / open on command**
- 20 Locking in open or closed position by the control system
- 21 Loss of mechanical integrity

Failure data



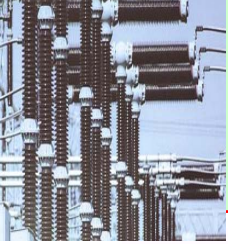
- 1 Air or hydraulic oil leakage in the operating mechanism**
- 2 Small SF6 leakage**
- 3 Oil leakage of grading capacitors
- 4 Change in mechanical functional characteristics
- 5 Change in electrical functional characteristics
- 6 Change in functional characteristics of control or auxiliary systems**
- 7 Other**



**Failure data**

**Population data**

- The majority of the CB's is used at service voltages between 60 and 200 kV
- The majority is still of non metal enclosed design and installed outdoors
- 55% of the CB's are used for overhead line switching
- The mainly used type of operating mechanism has changed from hydraulic to spring design
- Most of the failures seem to happen during normal service
- Leakage of SF6 or oil seems still to be a problem



Muito obrigado  
por sua atenção !

High Voltage

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